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Mission Statement

To advocate for older adults, to identify their needs, to meet their health, economic, social and cultural needs, to encourage maximum independence and to improve

their quality of life.

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DPW	39 South Hunt Rd.	978-388-8116
Fire : 911	9 School St.	978-388-1333
Library	149 Main St.	978-388-8148
Police : 911	19 School St.	978-388-1212





Airing on Channel 12 Tues 4pm, Wed 9:30am Thurs 7:30pm & Saturday 9am Come and meet Annmary Connor, COA Director as she meets with special guests each month. Learn more about the services and resources available to you and your family.



Airing on Channel 12 Sun 8am, Mon 3:30pm, Tues Ham, Wed I0am, Fri 4pm & Sat 8am

Join Doreen Brothers (Assistant Director and Certified Personal Trainer) and friends. To get started or continue on the path to wellness, join them at least 3 times per week.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

E : (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders): Wed, 9:30am,-12:30pm. This program assists elders with their health insurance needs. The SHINE Counselor assists Medicare beneficiaries of all ages including people under 60. Counselor Olyce Moore can help you

CHAIR YOGA: Thurs

Whitney

healthy.

process health benefit claims & complete applications. Call the Senior Community Center to schedule an appointment.

RENT ASSISTANCE:

If you are past due on your rent and you have exhausted all of your financial resources, contact Community Action at 978-388-2570 as you may be eligible for the Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP).

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE: If you need help paying for prescriptions please contact Doreen or Annmary to find out if you are eligible for reimbursement. Made possible by grants from the Class of 1955 and **Central Congressional** church.

What is it? It is a fun and high energy class developed to improve balance, increase bone density through strength training and improve cognition with trivia questions and brain games.

8:30am- 9:30am, FREE. Willman provides Yoga instruction to older adults with a wide range of abilities. These classes are being sponsored bу Maplewood Care and Rehabilitation Center who is committed to short term rehabilitation, getting you stronger and keeping you active and

WELLNESS PROGRAMS

EXERCISE CLASS: Mon 1:00pm, \$3 per class. Come and join YWCA instructors at the Amesbury Senior Community Center for fitness fun.!

LINE **DANCING:** Thurs Ipm, \$3 per class. Come and have some fun learning the steps with

Geri Mullen.

ZUMBA: Thurs 10am, \$3 per class. A fitness program comprised of Columbian dance. Join Kerstin Olson from the

YWCA and fellow seniors for this new. fun form of exercise! **MEDITATION:** Wed 10am Buddhist philosophy and practice, some yoga style warm up exercises, a few minutes of Qigong exercises, a breathing exercise, some chanting and Pure Land meditation. Exercises are very gentle and designed to relax the body. Sitting on chairs, lying down, or kneeling are all fine. Wear comfortable clothes. The Teacher: Iohn Lalumiere has been teaching for several years and practicing meditation since the 80's when he met his first teacher.

Tia Chi: Fri 9:30am \$4 pp. Come and learn the art of Tia Chi with Pertra.

3B FITNESS: Wed 2pm: \$3 per class Balance, Bones and Brain)

LOOK FOR OUR EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMMING...

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS.

CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT Starting 2/8 @ 9:30AM

DIABETES WORKSHOP Starting 4/11 @ 2:30AM

AGING MASTERY PROGRAM (AMP!)

CHECK OUT OUR NEWSLETTER FOR DATES AND TIMES!

Blood Drives are a regular occurrence.



FUN ,GAMES, ART AND MORE......

ART CLASS: Come paint with Linda and enjoy! . Mondays 10:00 to 11:30. Fee \$5.00

BINGO: Tues 12:15pm. 50¢ per card. Located in the Senior Community Center Great Room.

BIRTHDAY PARTY:

Third Thursday of every month. Lunch is \$2 pp unless it's your birthday month then it is FREE. Merrimack Valley Health Center offers FREE ice cream and a \$20 gift card raffle for birthday members, Entrainment at noontime!

BLANKETS 4 KIDS:

Tues 10am: Help us make blankets for foster children. These blankets are being made by the tender loving hands of local residents.

BOOK CLUB: Tues, 2nd of the month, 10am— 11am. Join the club to rediscover classics as well as popular new works. Books are provided and can be found in the Center. BRIDGE: Thurs
12:30pm. A small and
enthusiastic group looking for new players.
They will teach you how
to play!

BUSY NEEDLES: Tues 9:00am. Wanted - Individuals who love to crochet, needle work or knit. Hand crafted items on display at the Senior Community Center lobby and available for purchase. Items include sweaters, hats, blankets, scarves etc. Proceeds help support the Center.

COFFEE W/THE CHIEF'S:

This event changes dates depending on officer availability, come on down and meet Officer Hanshaw, Fire Chief Ken B., Police Chief Kevin O. and other from our fine departments. Ask questions about community safety, programs and inittives.

MOVIE MONDAY: Noon time, COME WATCH A NEW RLEEASE WITH SOMEFRIENDS OR A OLD TIME MOVIE.

TUESDAY STREAMING TV:

We stream great TV shows at 2:30pm

THINKING OF

YOU CARDS: Please tell us at the Senior Community Center when you, a family member or

you, a family member of friend are sick or not feeling well so we can send a thinking of you card.

IRIS FOLDING: Thurs 9:30am. Make your own greeting cards by trying your creative hand at Iris Folding. \$3 fee per class. This is a detailed, independent activity with supervision. Contact Jeanne, the instructor.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING GROUP:

Wed 9:30am. Painters of all abilities are invited to join.

Wii BOWLING: Mon 9am. Join other players in the Senior Community Center Game Room located on the 2nd floor. center.

Elder Mental Health Outreach Team (EMHOT)

The elder mobile mental health outreach team (EMHOT) is a completely free and confidential service funded by the MCOA and in partnership with the Pettengill House, Inc to residents of Amesbury, Salisbury, Newburyport,

Merrimac, West Newbury, and Groveland that are aged 60 and older. If you, or someone you know, are aged 60 or older and suffering with a mental health issue please call for a referral.

CONTACT:

Courtney Hutchinson, MCJ, LSW

 $978-388-8138 \times 543$

hutchinsonc@amesburyma.gov

We come to you!



We LOVE A GOOD Party or Event! Save the dates:

August 15th COOKOUT

September 8th
Cultural Council GrantPastel Paint Night!

September 23rd

Health Fair 10-1pm

December 8th

Christmas Luncheon

Holy Family Parish Hall



COMPUTER
CLASSES: Are offered at various cycles in our computer lab. Call to see when the next session is running, we have desk tops, ipad and a tablet for you to learn on.

COMPUTER ROOM:

Available to seniors Mon thru Fri 8am— 4pm & except when computer classes are being held or other trainings are utilizing the room.

Health

HEALTH NURSE:

Tues, 10:30am, 3xper month. Stop in to address questions related to your health

HEARING

of the month. Call 978-388-8138 to schedule an appointment.

PODIATRY

of the month. The fee is \$30.00/visit. Simply Foot Care, Catherine Languadoc, RN she also provide foot care at home for seniors for \$50.00/visit. Call to schedule an appointment.

PODIATRY/ FOOT CARE: Are

you having Trouble paying for orthotics? Podiatry? Specialized shoes? You may be eligible for assistance through a grant funded by the Amesbury Health Care Trust.

Maximum is \$150 per person. Please contact Doreen or Annmary for more information.

NUTRITION

BROWN BAG: Tues, Ist of the month. A FREE bag of food provided by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, contact the senior community center to find out if you are eligible.

FOOD: Weekly, in collaboration with ONT. If you are homebound please contact Doreen Brothers and find out if you are eligible for home delivered food.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Mon-Fri, Lunch available for homebound elders. Call Elder Services of Merrimack Valley at 1-800-892-0890 Ext 490 to make arrangements.

MEAL SITE: Mon-Fri. 11:20am, Lunch is served at the senior community Suggested center. donation is \$2.00 per meal for persons 60 & older, or \$4.50 for under 60. Reservations are required and should be made 2 days in advance. Remember to call if you are unable to attend. Contact Jennifer, Meal site Manager, at 978-388-8138 ext. 549 between 9am and Ham.

OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE: Wed, 4pm-6pm. Free nutritious meal at Main St. Congregational Church. The MVRTA transports people to these meals. The Food Pantry is open Fri, 10:30am—1pm and Sat 9:30am—12pm.

SNAP: (Supplemental Assistance Nutrition Helps those Program) who are low-income buy the foods needed for good health, such as vegetables fruits, whole grains. To sign up call the Senior Community Center to schedule an appointment with Doreen.

COMMUNITY
ACTION: Residents of
Amesbury & Merrimac
are eligible to use the
FOOD PANTRY at
Community Action in
Amesbury located at 44
Friend Street.

PETTINGILL HOUSE

FOOD PANTRY Tuesdays 9-2, 4-6p

OUTREACH

YARDWORK/SNOW SHOVELING: We

have partnered with several organizations as well as have several people who have been listed as people you can pay. For an updated list please call or stop by the senior center.

OUTREACH/CASE MANAGEMENT:

Amesbury residents are eligible for social

services to address a variety of different care management. Please schedule an appointment with one of the staff/ interns.

PRESCRIPTION
ASSISTANCE: If you need help paying for prescriptions please contact Doreen or Annmary to find out if you are eligible for

reimbursement. Made possible by grants from the Class of 1955 and Central Congressional church.

INTERNS: The COA partners with many different colleges and university, this allows for the development of new programs and the ability for more in-depth case management.



SUPPORT GROUPS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

LOW VISION

GROUP: Ist Thurs. of the month, Ipm-3pm. This group provides an opportunity to learn about eye conditions, develop strategies for dealing with everyday challenges related to sight and support those experiencing similar challenges. If you have vision loss due to a diagnosed visual condition, consider joining us. Please contact Doreen for more information.

MEN'S GROUP: Fri 9am

- 11am. Any area of concern can be discussed. Group members are caring & supportive. Confidentiality is maintained. Please contact the COA Director. Thank

you Andyman Bakery for the coffee and pastries.

GREENLEAF CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:

Support Group held the last Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM.

Allows caregivers to come together for emotional, social and practical support. Free & Confidential. Call to sign up.

BEREAVEMENT

GROUP: are scheduled at different times throughout the year and facilitated by Merrimack Valley Hospice. See the newsletter for more details.

OLDER BATTERED WOMEN'S GROUP:

A joint collaboration with **GLSS Katie Galeius**, LICSW.
ESMV, Jeanne Geiger and the COA. Please contact Courtney at 781 586 8607 to find out more about this confidential group.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP:

This group is FREE and open to any older adult women seeking to create connections and gain the support of other older women who are aging gracefully.

Notary

Notary service is available at city hall in the clerks office.

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"Each person holds so much power within themselves that needs to be let out.

Sometimes they just need a little nudge, a little direction, a little support, a little coaching, and the greatest things can happen."

Pete Carroll



Annmary Connor,
Director is leaving
September 1st,
Doreen Brothers
Assistant Director
will serve as the
Interim Director
"I will greatly miss
all of you, this is
the best job I have
ever had!"

#### **VETERANS SERVICES**

Are you a veteran or the widow of a veteran? Have you ever served in the military? If so, you may be eligible for financial assistance and VA benefit programs. Please contact The Veteran Service Agent, at 978-388-8136 to see if you qualify.

# Veterans Support Group

The second and fourth Monday at 6:30pm. This is a peer group

Are you a veteran or the widow of a veteran? Have you ever served in the military? If so, you may be eligible for financial assistance and VA benefit programs. Please contact The Veteran Service Agent, at 978-388-8136 to see if you qualify.



#### Alzheimer's Association

1 800 272 3900

# American Consumer Credit Counseling

1-800-769-3571

#### **Community Action**

978-388-2570 M,T 9a-3p The 11a-6p

#### Elder Services of Merrimack Valley

1-800-892-0890

Meals on Wheels Ext 490

#### FUEL ASSISTANCE (Community Action – Haverhill office)

978-373-1971

#### Mass Save

1-866-527-7283

#### Merrimack Valley – North Shore Legal Services

1-800-427-2521

#### **MVRTA**

978-469-6878

#### Northeast Independent Living Center

978-687-4288

1-800-845-6457

#### Our Neighbors' Table

978 388 1907

#### **Pettengil House**

978-463-8801

#### IN-TOWN TRANSPORTATION

FREE transportation is available to residents age 60 and older when traveling within Amesbury. The COA schedules for all intown transportation. All requests must be made at least 2 business days in advance and

callers must provide information such the address where you are going. In-town transportation is perfect for traveling to the senior center, shopping, etc... On Fridays at 1:30pm the bus takes you to

Market Basket in Newburyport. Rides are scheduled on the half hour/hour based on availability. If you are in need of a ride, please contact the Amesbury Senior Community Center.

# MERRIMACK VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MVRTA):

Offers EZ Trans – curb to curb wheelchair accessible, shared ride service for residents traveling outside of A m e s b u r y . Transportation is offered to: Andover, Amesbury, Haverhill, Lawrence, Merrimac, M e t h u e n ,

Newburyport, North Andover and Salisbury. EZ Trans also offers ADA service to those who are disabled. Contact Doreen at 978-388-8138 to fill out an application or call MVRTA 978-469-6878 Office of Special Services (select

option 3 on the menu when prompted) to schedule a ride.



#### **NEET: NORTHERN ESSEX ELDER TRANSPORT**

NEET is available for out-of-town medical appointments. If you are not able to use MVRTA and have no one to take you to your medical appointment, please call Mary Jo.

@978-388-8138 and leave her a message. Please request a ride at least 2 working days before you're appointment. Contact Cathy Fairchild at NEET 978 388 7474 to become a driver. Be a

**NEET Volunteer!** 





#### **MVRTA: Medi-Ride**

The Merrimack Valley Transit Regional Authority (MVRTA) has Medi-Ride transportation service for MVRTA Special Services customers to travel from the MVRTA service area to the Lahey Clinic in Peabody and to 14 hospitals in the City of Boston for access to their medical appointments. The service currently serves t h e greater Newburyport area (including Amesbury) on Thursdays. If your medical appointment is on a day other than Thursday, please call the Office of Special Services and they will do their best to accommodate you.

All medical appointments in Boston should be scheduled between the hours of 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM and all medical appointments at Lahey Clinic in Peabody should be scheduled between the hours of 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM. The van will be departing Boston and Peabody no later than 3:30 PM. The rate of fare for all MVRTA Special Services eligible individuals will be \$8.00 cash one-way or \$16.00 cash round-trip. Any customer may have one companion accompany them for a fare of \$4.00, a space-available basis.

MVRTA Special Services customers may make a reservation for this service by calling the MVRTA Office of Special Services at telephone (978) 469-6878, "Option 3". Reservations may be made no more than 14 days in advance of the date of service, but at least one week (seven days) prior to the day of the trip.

# PT 1: Mass Health Medical Transportation

If you are on standard Mass Health you may be eligible for medical transportation to your physician appointments for FREE. Contact your Primary Care Doctor to sign up for this, this includes trips to Boston. If you want more information please contact Annmary or Doreen at the Senior Community Center.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The COA is looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of ways: greeting, reception, friendly home visiting, telephone reassurance, and home food delivery. We can not succeed with out your help! **Contact Doreen** Brothers, LSW at 978-388-8138 for more information or to make an appointment.

#### SENIOR/ VETERANTAX WORK OFF

You may be able to earn up to \$1,000 off your property taxes by volunteering in a City department for 100 hours from January to October. Positions and hours vary. See Annmary for more information or download the forms off our web page.

#### **INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

Everyone benefits from intergenerational programming. It keeps seniors involved in the community and also keeps them active and engaged which helps maintain physical and mental health. At the same time, youth are

exposed to positive role models, which e n h a n c e s communication and decision making skills. We ask that you join us throughout the year in foster our youth and teaching them charter building. Join us in one

of our many programs. Some of our joint programs:

- Who's coming to lunch
- When I was a Kid
- Raking



We are always seeking volunteers to aid us in many different ways

Want to help? We are always looking for people to support the Friends of the COA— they are the financial support tot the COA. Did you know that the FCOA pays for all programing at the COA and helps to get sponsors to help for all our events?

#### **Meetings**

COA board: Second Thursday of the month at 4:30pm

FCOA: Third Thursday of the month at 3pm

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GREENLEAF CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Greenleaf Caregiver Support. This program is FREE to all and provides fun, recreational and social activities to anyone who has an interest.

The purpose for caregiver support is to provide caregivers with the resources needed to manage the stress associated with caring for a loved one

All Greenleaf
Caregiver Support
Events are now
open to the public!

WHAT DOES GREENLEAF CAREGIVER

SUPPORT OFFER?

- Case Management
- Caregiver Support Groups (4th Thurs)
- Tele Check-In Program
- Friendly Visitor Program
- After Greenleaf
- Entertainment

Please R.S.V.P. to all GL events! (978) 388-8138.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please call Katrina Rioux 978-388-8138 x545 OR

Vanessa Kahrman 978-388-8138 x544

Our elegant Dinners events are Monthly on a Monday.
Entertainment typically starts at 4:30pm and normally Dinner starts at 5:30.

GREENLEAF SUPPORTIVE DAY PROGRAM

The Greenleaf Supportive/Social Day Program offers each participant socialization and meaningful recreational activities as well as supervision, nutrition and support services in a community-based setting.

RESPITE FOR YOUR FAMILY TREE!

The program is designed to allow participants to continue living in their homes as independently and as long as possible. Greenleaf will also provide each caregiver with the respite needed to continue working, attend support programming, care for their family and attend to their own well being.



Supportive Day Mon-Fri 9m-3pm. Private pay cost is \$37/day

Greenleaf is contracted with Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley.

Payment options are available if you are a client of ESMV or are eligible for Masshealth.

Call for Greenleaf coordination staff for funding options.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please call or Email Vanessa Kahrman 978-388-8138 x544

kahrmanv@amesburyma.gov



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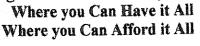
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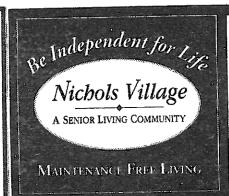
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